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Scott Pruitt, Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency William Jefferson Clinton Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20460

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Administrator Pruitt:

I'm writing today to request that you immediately cease your efforts to suppress a report prepared by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) regarding the health effects of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). This report should be immediately released to the taxpayers who funded the study and rely on its results to maintain their health.

My constituents in New York's Hudson Valley are directly affected by the findings of this report, as PFOS was discovered in significant quantities in the water supply of the City of Newburgh in my district. In 2016, it was discovered that runoff from Stewart Air National Guard Base contaminated the groundwater that eventually flowed into the municipal water supply.

Since the contamination was detected, the State of New York offered free blood testing to affected residents. The testing found that PFOS levels in the blood of Newburgh residents are higher than the national average. I was successful in passing legislation into law to require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct a five-year study into the long-term health effects of PFOS exposure. But as that study is conducted, my constituents and I have great interest in the results of the ATSDR report.

The people I represent are understandably concerned about their health since the contamination was detected. Given that this report can shed light on the health impacts of exposure to PFOS, it must be released immediately. In addition to being the right thing to do, it is your legal responsibility to release this report to the American people. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Sean Patrick Maloney Member of Congress